

Luke: The Inside Out Gospel

Week 13

Luke 8:22-25

“The Perfect Storm”

OPEN WITH PRAYER

GETTING STARTED:

What is the closest you've ever been to death? What was it like?

LEARNING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Together, read Luke 8:22-25 together

1. How do you answer the question, “Why is there suffering in the world?”
2. What is the significance of Jesus getting into the boat with the disciples (v.22)? What difference did it make that Jesus was with them? What difference does it make to know Jesus is with you when you go through suffering and the storms of life?
3. Verse 24 says that Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters. Do you think he is able to calm your storms and suffering? Why or why not?
4. Why did Jesus ask his disciples, “Where is your faith?” Where or in what do you think Jesus wanted their faith?
5. This Friday is Good Friday, the day we remember Jesus dying on the cross. How does the cross of Jesus change the storms and suffering we may find ourselves in?

6. Jim said that Jesus is with us in our storms, that Jesus is able to calm our storms, and that he invites us to see our storms through his perspective. Which of these three is the easiest for you to believe or do? Why? Which is the most difficult? Why?

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

7. What storm are you facing right now? If you aren't facing a storm, what storms do you see around you? As you share with your group, have other group members remind you of the truths from this passage:
- Jesus is with you
 - Jesus is able to calm your storm
 - See your storm through the perspective of Jesus

SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God's grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another's needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.